

REMARKS

The examiner's action dated April 12, 2011, has been received, and its contents carefully noted.

The indication of allowability of claims 19-21 is noted with appreciation.

In view of the examiner's indication of allowability of claims 19 and 21, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 19 and a new claim 24 presenting allowed claim 21 in independent form is submitted herewith. Previously withdrawn claims 3 and 4 have been canceled and claim 19 has been cancelled in view of the fact that its subject matter has been incorporated into claim 1.

For the sake of completeness, new dependent claims 25-30 have been added. These claims depend from new independent claim 24 and define the same subject matter as pending claims 7, 8, 12, 13, 22 and 23, respectively.

Thus, by the present amendment, the application now contains two independent claims, each incorporating a claim that was previously indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and further includes added dependent claims that are identical to pending claim that were previously examined.

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Accordingly, it is requested that the rejections presented in the Office action of April 12, 2011, be withdrawn and that the application be found in allowable condition.

If the above amendment should not now place the application in the condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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